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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, Applicant amended claims 31, 39 and 44-48, and cancelled claims 32-38 and 48-76. Claims 31 and 39-47 are presented for examination.

The Examiner stated that previously pending claims 38-47 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly. Further, without conceding that the rejections made in the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, were appropriate, Applicant cancelled all rejected claims thereby obviating the rejections.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

Applicant mailed an Information Disclosure Statement ("I.D.S.") in this application on May 30, 2003. According to the P.A.I.R. page of the U.S.P.T.O., the I.D.S. was received on June 2, 2003 (Entry Number 21). Accordingly, Applicant requests consideration of the I.D.S. at no fee because it was received by the U.S.P.T.O. prior to July 2, 2003 (the date of mailing of the first action on the merits). (See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1)(3)).

Enclosed is Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time and a check to cover the associated fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

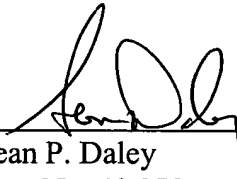
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